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HMM, HMM.

STEVEN?

HMM...

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, STEVEN?

CONNIE PASSED A REALLY HARD TEST AT SCHOOL RECENTLY, AND I WANTED TO CELEBRATE BY TAKING HER TO A COOL GEM PLACE.

I WAS TRYING TO FIND A PLACE IN BUDDY'S BOOK, BUT I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING YET.

OH!

THAT'S A LUNAR BLOSSOM!

MOON FLOWER

OH, THAT DOES TAKE ME BACK!

I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST SHOWED THESE FLOWERS TO ROSE...

"IT WAS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE REBELLION.

"I HAD DISCOVERED A NEW, SECRET PLACE, AND I WANTED TO SURPRISE ROSE WITH IT. I KNEW SHE WOULD LOVE IT!

"ONCE WE GOT THERE I TOLD HER TO OPEN HER EYES.

"AND I WAS RIGHT. SHE *DID* LOVE IT!"

"I TOLD HER THAT THE GROVE OF FLOWERS REMINDED ME OF HER, AND SHE LAUGHED.

"SHE BEGAN PICKING A FEW OF THE FLOWERS, AND I ASKED WHAT SHE WAS DOING.

"SHE EXPLAINED..."

IT'S SOMETHING I LEARNED FROM SOME LOCAL HUMANS.

THANK YOU, MY PEARL...

FLUTTER

FLUTTER FLUTTER FLUTTER

"WE ALSO DISCOVERED SOME LUMINOUS INSECTS THAT WERE ATTRACTED TO THE LUNAR BLOSSOMS.

"IT'S A NIGHT I'LL NEVER FORGET..."

IT WOULD MAKE ME SO HAPPY FOR YOU TWO TO MAKE NEW MEMORIES THERE.

IT SOUNDS PERFECT!

OH, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW MUCH THE GROVE HAS FLOURISHED SINCE I LAST SAW IT!

BWOOOOOO

GASP!

W-WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS ISN'T AT ALL HOW I REMEMBERED IT...

THE LUNAR BLOSSOMS ARE COMPLETELY... GONE...

AND ALL OF THE LUMINOUS INSECTS ARE GONE, TOO...

MAYBE WE CAN BRING THEM BACK?

I THINK THIS PLACE IS BEYOND SAVING...

I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND A DIFFERENT PLACE TO SURPRISE CONNIE WITH...

BWOOOOOO

LATER...

Y-YO G! Y-YOU G-GOTTA TRY THIS! I-IT'S LIKE A M-MASSAGE!

I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT.

RUMMMBLE RUMMMBLE

BWOOOOOO

HEY STE-MAN--

SOMETHING WRONG?

YEAH...

I ASKED PEARL FOR ADVICE ON A COOL GEM PLACE TO SURPRISE CONNIE WITH, BUT WHEN WE WENT, IT TURNS OUT THAT PLACE IS ALL OVERGROWN AND NOT LIKE HOW PEARL REMEMBERED IT.

AND NOW PEARL IS SAD ABOUT IT, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SURPRISE CONNIE WITH NOW.

AW, MAN, THAT STINKS.

YOU'RE SURE THERE'S NO WAY TO FIX IT?

WELL, PEARL DIDN'T SEEM TO THINK SO...

WELL, WHY DON'T WE ALL CHECK, JUST TO BE SURE.

YEAH ALRIGHT, I'VE GOT NOTHING BETTER TO DO TODAY.

OKAY! LET'S GO!

BWOOOOOOO

HMM, MAYBE PEARL IS RIGHT.

THIS PLACE LOOKS PRETTY ROUGH...

LET'S NOT THROW IN THE TOWEL JUST YET.

"I REMEMBER BACK WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE..."

IT'S OVERGROWN, BUT MAYBE THE ORIGINAL FLOWERS ARE STILL HERE UNDER IT ALL.

HMMM...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE FLOWERS ARE UNDER THESE VINES, BUT THEY'RE ENTANGLED IN THESE...OTHER PLANTS.

IT LOOKS LIKE AN INVASIVE PLANT THAT'S TAKEN OVER.

OOOOH/ooo

I THINK IF WE CAN EXTRACT THESE VINES, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE THE LUNAR BLOSSOMS.

IF YOU SAY SO, G. LET'S DO THIS!

YEAH!

WHSHH!

SNAP!

RIIIP!

CAREFUL, AMETHYST! YOU HAVE TO BE DELICATE WITH REMOVING THE VINES.

LIKE THIS...

HMMM...

WELL... MOSTLY DELICATE.

DELICATELY, HUH?

PHEW... THERE!

WELL... ONE DOWN AT LEAST...

HMM, SOMETHING STILL ISN'T RIGHT.

THE LUNAR BLOSSOMS USUALLY BLOOM AT NIGHT UNDER THE MOONLIGHT.

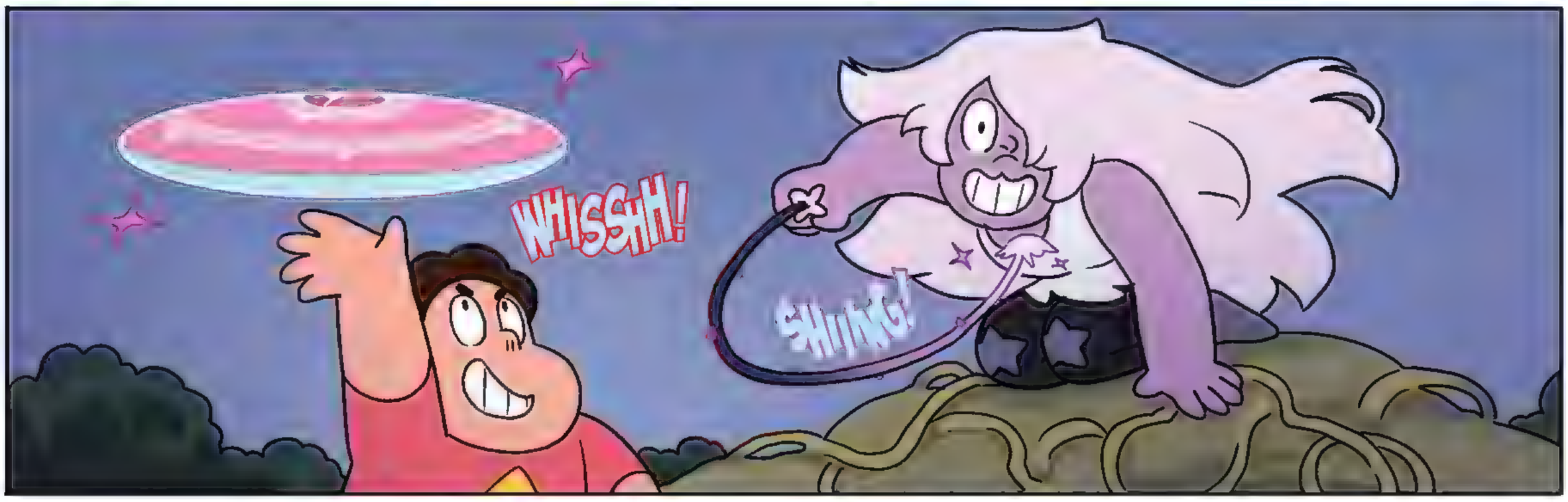
WELL, IT MIGHT BE NIGHT, BUT THERE ISN'T MUCH MOONLIGHT IN HERE.

IT IS PRETTY DARK...

THAT'S IT! MAYBE IF WE LET SOME LIGHT IN...

VOOM

SHOOM!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SHUING!

CRACK
SLICE!

TWINKLE

SHIIINE

GLEEAAM

GLOOOOW

COME ON, CONNIE! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU!

HAHA, OKAY! WAIT UP!

COME ON, PEARL! YOU SHOULD COME, TOO!

O-OH, THAT'S OKAY. YOU TWO HAVE FUN!

AW, COME ON, P! LIVE A LITTLE!

OH, WELL IF YOU ALL INSIST...

BWOOOOOO

STEVEN!

WOW!
THIS IS
INCREDIBLE!

B-BUT WE WERE JUST HERE YESTERDAY... HOW DID THIS?

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

GARNET AND AMETHYST HELPED ME FIX IT!

WE WORKED REALLY HARD TO SAVE THE GROVE, AND I THINK WE DID THE TRICK!

THE LUNAR BLOSSOMS... THEY'RE JUST LIKE I REMEMBER THEM...

IT'S JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS BEFORE...

I...THANK YOU SO MUCH...

THANKS FOR SHOWING ME THIS PLACE!

I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO FIX IT UP.

AND THANK YOU BOTH, TOO.

AW, SHUCKS, IT WAS NOTHING!

OUR PLEASURE.

CONGRATS ON PASSING THAT BIG TEST YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT!

THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL FOR?

AW, STEVEN, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!

NONSENSE, I INSIST!

THANKS, STEVEN. YOU'RE TOO KIND.

IT'S ONE OF THOSE LUMINOUS INSECTS PEARL MENTIONED!

OH! A FIREFLY!

FLUTTER

WOW! THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM!

HAHA!

HEY, P! COME HERE A SEC!

HERE!

OH!

WELL, YOU BOTH CERTAINLY DESERVE ONE AS WELL.

THE END

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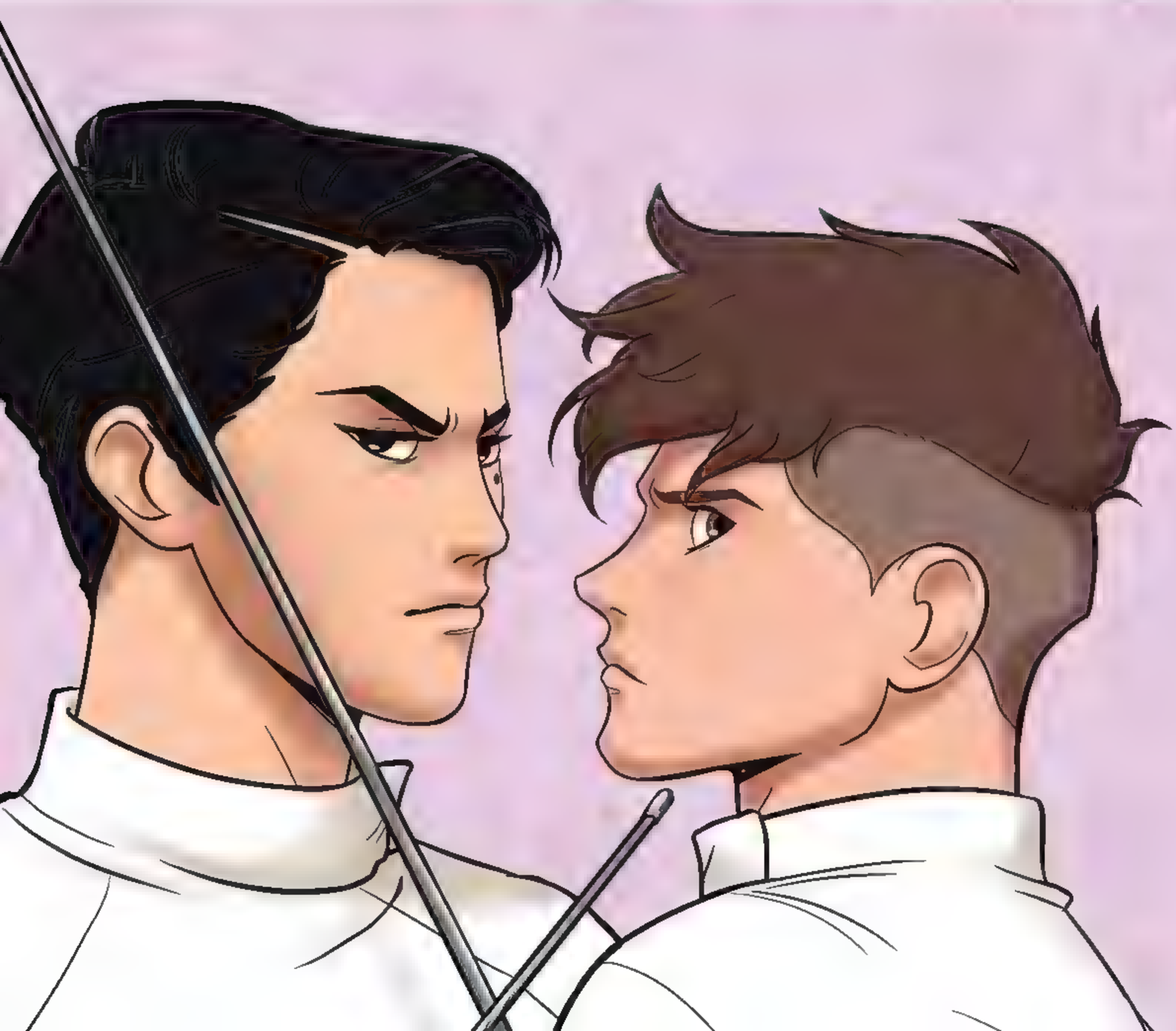

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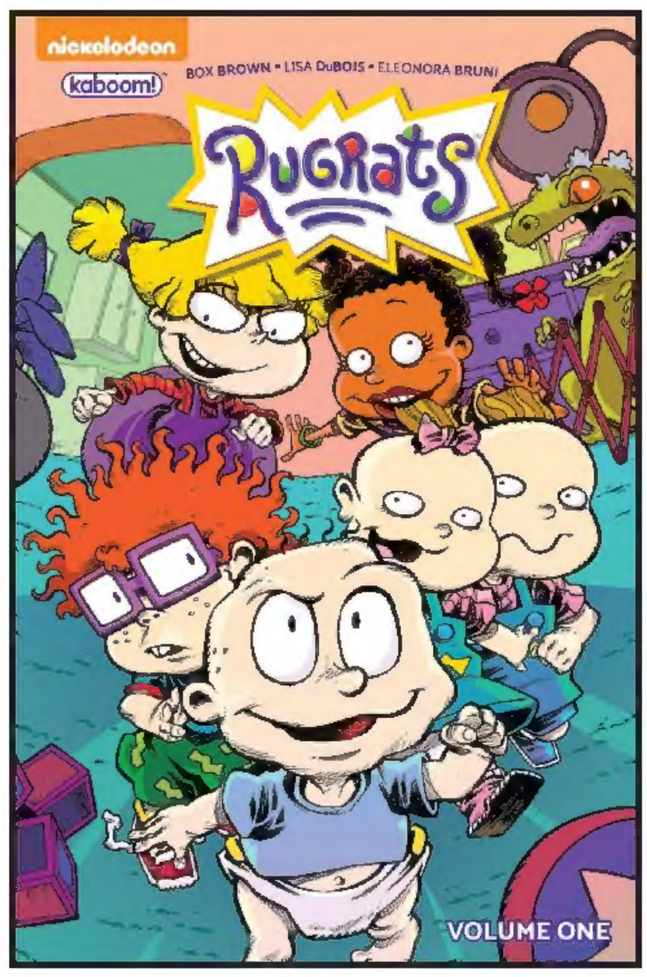

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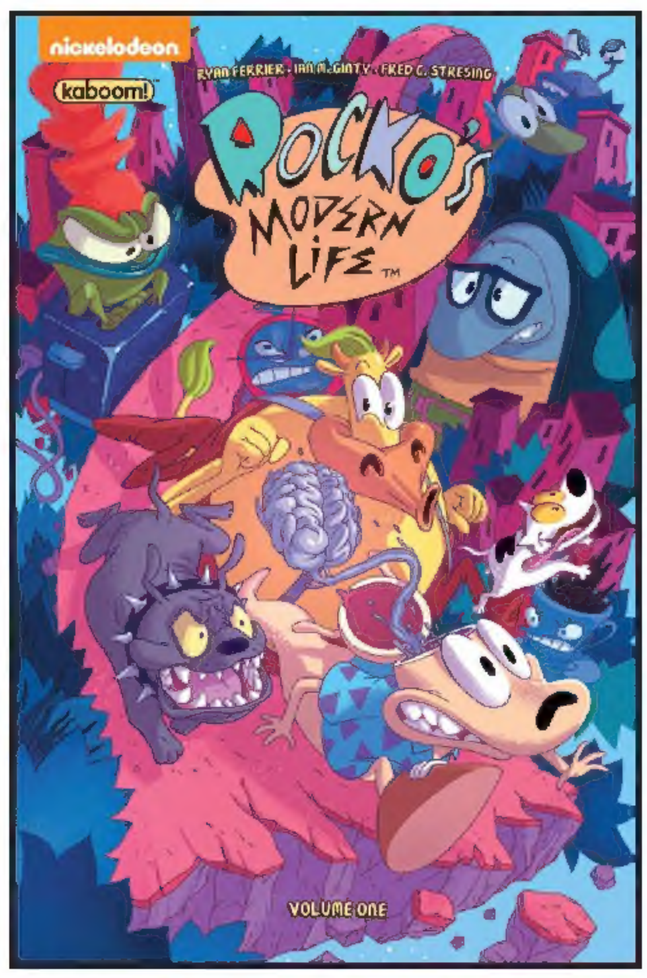

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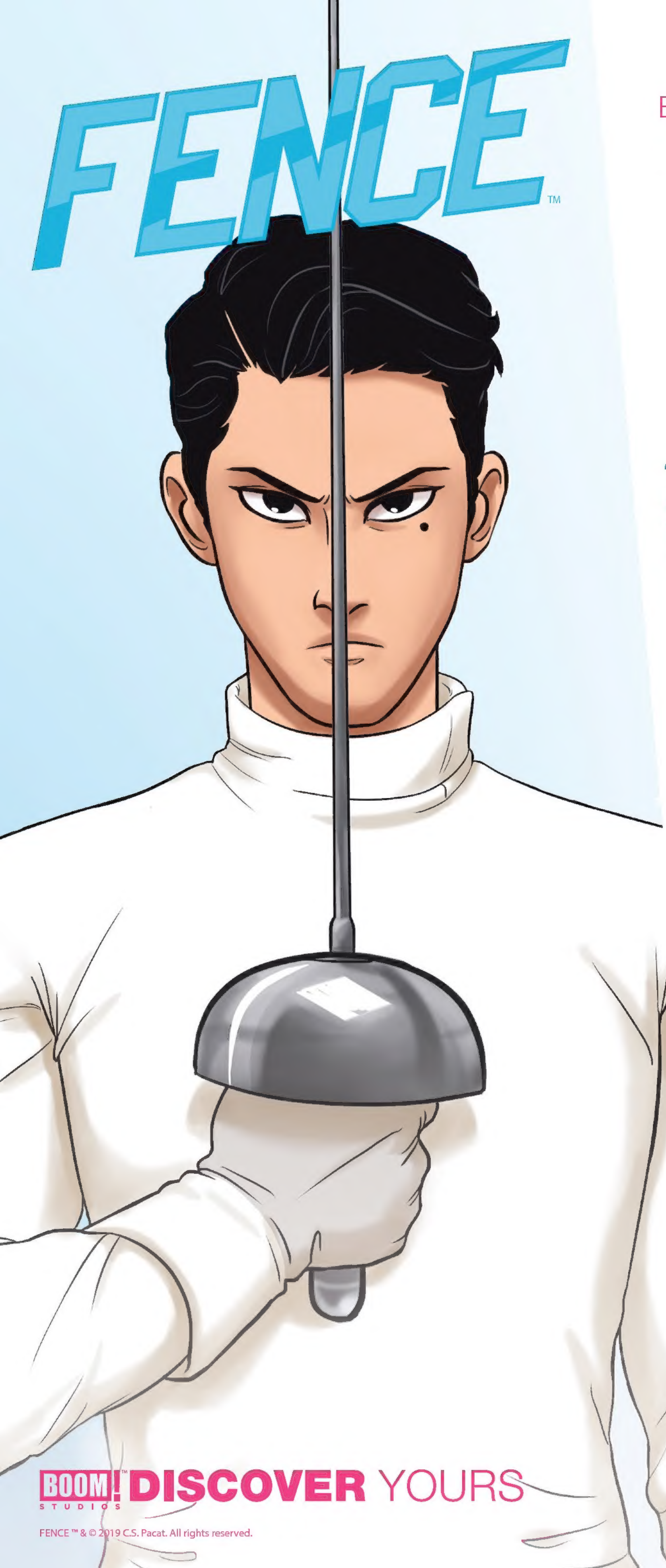

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